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James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President

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Lt. General James A. Doolittle, USAF (Ret.) and the members of his small study group who were asked recently by the President to look at certain phases of the work of the Central Intelligence Agency called upon the President this morning.

The other members of the study group are:

William D. Franke
Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Morris Hadley
Attorney of New York City

William D. Pawley
Former United States Ambassador to Brazil

At the conclusion of their meeting with the President the following statement was issued by General Doolittle on behalf of his group:

With respect to the Central Intelligence Agency in general we conclude: (a) that its placement in the over-all organization of the Government is proper; (b) that the laws under which it operates are adequate; (c) that the established provisions for its financial support are sufficiently (sic) flexible to meet its current operational needs; (d) that in spite of the limitations imposed by its relatively short life and rapid expansion it is doing a creditable job; (e) that it is gradually improving its capabilities, and (f) that it is exercising care to insure the loyalty of its personnel.

There are, however, important areas in which the C.I.A. organization, administration and operations can and should be improved. The Agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution. We are well aware of the tremendous problems facing the Director and staff of an organization such as C.I.A. and appreciate the sincere efforts being made to solve them.

In an attempt to be constructive and in the hope that we may be helpful, we have made certain recommendations to the President.
